



We are Family

Our Time to Shine!

**Statewide Conference for
Idahoans with Disabilities and
Their Families**

January 13-16, 2009

Sponsored by:

**Idaho State Independent Living Council,
Idaho Parents Unlimited and
Idaho Federation of Families for
Children's Mental Health**

**Scholarships and Early Bird Registration
Applications Due December 15th**

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HEALTH & WELFARE**





About the Speakers, Trainers & Others

Welcome Address - Gov Butch Otter (Invited)



Jonathan Mooney is a writer with dyslexia and an activist who did not learn to read until he was 12 years old. He is a graduate of Brown University's class of 2000 and holds an honors degree in English Literature. Jonathan is founder and President of Project Eye-to-Eye, a mentoring and advocacy non-profit organization for students with learning differences. Project Eye-To-Eye works with over 3,000 students, parents, and educators nation wide. Jonathan is the winner of the prestigious Truman Scholarship for graduate studies in disability studies and social change. Jonathan has been featured and quoted in the New York Times, USA Today, NPR, ABC News, New York Magazine, The Washington Post, The Boston Globe and numerous other local and regional papers in the cities, states, and countries where Jonathan has traveled.



Paul Dziedzic, University of Washington, is the Coordinator of the CCER Rehabilitation Leadership Institute which provides leadership training and technical assistance to state vocational rehabilitation agencies and their partners. Mr. Dziedzic has over twenty years of experience in public service. He is the former Special Assistant to the Governor of Washington on Substance Abuse issues and the former director of the Washington Department of Services for the Blind, during which time he also served as the President of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR). He has also served as the Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, and as the Executive Director of the Governor's

Council on Employment of People with Disabilities. He has done extensive work with community groups and organizations both as a leader of community task forces (Issaquah Community Action Network, Washington Association of Broadcasters, Teen Alcohol Task Force and others) and as an advisor (Governor's Community Mobilization Against Substance Abuse Initiative). Mr. Dziedzic graduated from North Thurston High School in Lacey, Washington and graduated with honors from the University of Notre Dame.

Scott Cooper has been traveling through the United States sharing his son's history project which chronicles the history of the disability movement. Scott has been appearing at Independent Living Conferences conducting personal interviews in order to share individual inspirational stories. This project, "It's Our Story" utilizes a Native American idea known as story stick. Scott recently talked about "It's Our Story" at the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL) in Las Vegas. Scott will bring his son's project which will be on display at the "We are Family" conference. There will also be an opportunity to meet Scott, tell your own story and learn how to make your own story stick.



Social Events

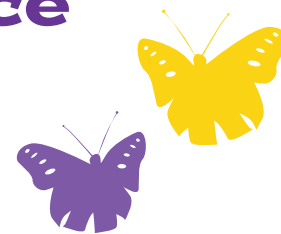
Come enjoy good food and good entertainment. Conference participants will have an opportunity to get to know each other. The conference social events will include a silent auction, a children's dance performance by Wright Foot Forward (a program of the Creative Arts Center), a fine art exhibit, a March/Rally with Legislative visits for interested conference participants. There will also be an array of workshops intended to empower and educate all conference participants.

These activities will provide conference participants their time to shine!





Agenda At A Glance



Tuesday, January 13th

1:00 pm—2:30 pm
3:00 pm—8:00 pm
5:00 pm—6:00 pm
6:00 pm—8:00 pm

AmeriCorps Luncheon (By Invitation)
Registration
Welcome/Orientation-Social Networking
Dinner Buffet/Networking/Movie Night

Wednesday, January 14th

8:00 am—5:00 pm
8:30 am—9:00 am
9:00 am—10:00 am
10:00 am—10:30 am
10:30 am—12:00 pm

Registration
Welcome/Opening Remarks
General Session - Jonathan Mooney
Break
Concurrent Break - Out Sessions
Session I – Overview of the ADA and Employment
Session II – Making Sense of the System Through Success Stories
of Independent Living
Session III - How to Make Transportation Work for You
Session IV - More Time with Jonathan Mooney
Session V - Youth Leadership Forum

12:15 pm—1:15 pm
1:30 pm—3:00 pm

Lunch with Keynote -Telling Our Story (Scott Cooper)
Concurrent Break - Out Sessions
Session I - How Families Empower Children with Disabilities
Session II - AmeriCorps Accessible Transportation Network: Our Vision
Session III - It's Like a Marathon So Power Up
Session IV- Developing Your Own Personal Story
Session V – The Use of Facilitation in the IEP Process

3:00 pm—3:30 pm
3:30 pm—5:00 pm

Break
Concurrent Break-Out Sessions
Session I - Domestic Violence and People with Disabilities
Session II - Rights of Parents with Disabilities Under the Law
Session III - Dispute Resolution Under IDEA
Session IV- Benefits Planning During Employment
Session V – Telling Your Story by Making a Story Stick

5:30 pm—7:00 pm

Dinner Buffet/Silent Auction/Wright Foot Forward Performance

Thursday, January 15th

8:30 am—5:00 pm
8:30 am—9:00 am

Exhibit Fair
Housekeeping Remarks



9:00 am—10:00 am
10:00 am
10:15 am—12:00 am

Communicating with Legislators, Panel Presentation

Break

Legislative Visit Preparation with Paul Dzeidzic

Or:

Concurrent Break-Out Sessions

Session I - Improving Quality of Life: Relationship Development Intervention
Session II - What Parents Really Need to Know About IEP Teams - Part One
Session III - Redesign of State Assessment for Students With
Significant Cognitive Disabilities

12:00 am—12:30 pm

Box Lunch at the Grove

12:30 pm—1:00 pm

Preparation for March/Rally

1:00 pm

March to Capitol Annex

1:30 pm

Rally at the Capitol Annex

2:00 pm—5:00 pm

Legislative Visits

Or:

Concurrent Break-Out Sessions

Session I - Assistive Technology for Individuals With Cognitive Impairments
Session II - What Parents Really Need to Know About IEP Teams - Part Two
Session III - Watch Listen and Act: Steps for Promoting Mental Health &
Preventing Suicide—Part One

3:00 pm—4:30 pm

Concurrent Break-Out Sessions

Session I - Assistive Technology for Individuals with Learning Disabilities
Session II - Reintegration of Students with Disabilities Following
Neurological Injuries
Session III - Watch Listen and Act: Steps for Promoting Mental Health &
Preventing Suicide—Part Two

Evening

Dinner on your own

Friday, January 16th

8:45 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Concurrent Break-Out Sessions

Session I - Creating Your Own Job - A Reflection of Dreams
Session II - Age Appropriate Materials: Secondary Students with
Significant Disabilities

10:15 am to 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am—11:30 am

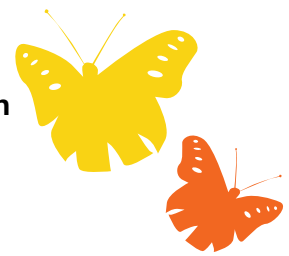
Legislative Wrap-Up

Or:

Session I - Entering a Brave New World: Keys for Successful Transition to
College
Session II - Legal Planning for Life after 18, Special Needs Trust and Ensuring
Quality of Life

11:30 am—12:30 pm

What did we learn? Young Self Advocates Respond





General Conference Information

Scholarships Available for Parents of Children with Disabilities and People with Disabilities (See Registration and Scholarship Forms)

Environmentally Sensitive Conference Setting: Please help us to accommodate attendees who are chemically sensitive to fragrances. Thank you for **NOT WEARING** any of the following: cologne, perfume, after shave, perfumed hand lotion and fragranced hair products. If you are using an attendant, please ask them not to wear scented products as well. In addition, it is essential that we maintain a smoke-free environment.

Adaptive Equipment: Conference participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for adaptive equipment such as TTY's, shower chairs, etc. You are encouraged to bring your own equipment when possible in order that hotel and rental equipment is available for those who cannot bring their own.



LODGING

The deadline for all lodging reservations is December 22nd, 2008 unless otherwise noted. When making your own reservations, please mention the "We are Family Conference" to get the discount rates.

SAFARI INN

2 blocks from the Centre on the Grove, 1070 Grove Street
208-344-6556, Fax: 800-541-6556

Room rates are: \$71.00

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, BOISE DOWNTOWN

1.5 miles from Centre on the Grove, 222 South Broadway Ave.
208-331-2700 Fax: 208-331-3296

Room rates are: \$85.00

SPRING HILLS SUITES MARRIOTT

About 2 miles from Centre on the Grove, 424 E. Parkcenter Blvd.
208-342-1044, FAX: (208) 342-2763

Room Rates are: \$85.00

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to conference activities from the previously listed hotels will be provided at regular intervals by Boise Tours. Area residents are responsible for their own transportation needs.

Boise Area Accessible Transportation

Access Para-Transit: 208-345-1234

Mon-Fri. 8:00 am—7:00 pm

\$2.00 per trip. Next day advance notice and inability to ride fixed bus routes required.

The Bus: 208-336-1010

All fixed route buses are lift equipped. Call for route information.

Advanced Wheelchair Transport: 208-921-6964

Local or long-distance, non-emergency transport. Call for rate information.



Idaho Parents Unlimited and The Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

Registration Form and Payment Information

If your organization is sending more than one person, please copy this form for each person.

Please print legibly and complete all information.

Name _____

(As you want it to appear on your name badge)

Title and Organization (if appropriate) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ County _____

Email _____ Daytime Phone _____

Nighttime Phone _____

Child's Disability _____ Age _____ Birth Year _____

Please add any additional children with a disability _____

I plan to attend the Tuesday Evening Reception: ____ Yes ____ No

Accessibility and Conference Requests

Check if you need: ____ Vegetarian meals ____ Kosher meals, ____ Spanish Translator, ____ ADA

Other _____

Do you need any special accommodations? Please, describe:

2009 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

For Parents and Family Members of a Child with a Disability:

\$ _____ \$150 individual / \$200 couple if postmarked before Dec. 15th

\$ _____ \$175 individual if postmarked after Dec. 15th

\$ _____ Scholarship Application: a \$10 processing fee must accompany this request form.

\$ _____ Tax deductible contribution to IPUL, INC

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

For Service Providers, Educators, Administrators, Others:

\$ _____ \$150 individual if postmarked before Dec. 15th

\$ _____ \$175 individual if postmarked after Dec. 15th

\$ _____ Tax deductible contribution to IPUL, INC

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

Make check, money order or purchase order payable to: Idaho Parents Unlimited

Only registration forms accompanied by payment or
scholarship (with processing fee) application will be processed.

Return completed forms and applications to:

Idaho Parents Unlimited, Inc

1878 Overland Rd.

Boise Idaho 83705 or FAX: (208) 342-1408

PARENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Idaho Parents Unlimited provides partial scholarships for our conference to parents of a child with a disability between the ages of birth to 26. These are given out on a first come, first served basis in order to help attendance at our conference. To be considered for a scholarship, the following questions must be answered and you must include a \$10 scholarship processing fee with this application. Idaho Parents Unlimited will review your application and you will be notified either in writing or by telephone shortly following the receipt of your application.

Are you the parent of a child with a disability? Yes____ No____

Have you received an IPUL Conference Scholarship previously? Yes____ No____

What years?_____

Do you need a scholarship for: Registration____ Lodging _____

How will you share the information you gain? _____

Those requesting a scholarship including a room will need to share with another conference attendee or pay 1/2 of the total room cost. **If you elect to share a room please write the name of the person you desire to room with below. Otherwise another parent attending conference will be assigned to share the room by our staff. Please indicate your preference below.**

****Required Information Below – Please fill out completely****

I will be paying for 1/2 of the cost of the room. Yes____ No____

I wish to share my room with:_____

(Name of Room Mate Requested)

_____ Please find me a room mate.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 15TH

Registration Information

Location: Boise Centre on the Grove

Hotel information: See page 6 of registration packet for details on “We are Family” Conference hotels

Registration: Limited space is available for the workshops. Please submit your registration early.

All participants must pre-register and payment must accompany the registration.

Scholarships: Limited scholarships are available. Please submit your application with your registration.

Confirmation: Postcards will be sent for registration and scholarship decisions.

Check-In & Packet Pick-up: Early check-in and packet pick up are available in the Boise Centre on the Grove lobby on Tuesday, January 13th from 3:00-8:00 p.m. Packets may also be picked up Thursday, January 14th from 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. We encourage you to check in early.

Cancellation Policy: Registration cancelled prior to December 15th will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be made after that date.

SILC REGISTRATION FORM

Early Bird (Before Dec. 13)—\$150 Late Registration (After Dec. 15th)—\$175

Please Type or Print Clearly!

Name _____

Address _____

Organization _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone/TTY _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Conference Materials ☐ Large Print ☐ Braille ☐ Audio Tape ☐ CD

Additional Services ☐ Assistive Listening Device ☐ Personal Assistance Services

☐ Interpreter ☐ ASL ☐ Oral

(If requested, these services or devices will be provided during conference functions without charge).

Personal Assistance Services: Call the SILC at 208/334/3800 to obtain a list of agencies to contact for assistance beyond scheduled conference hours. If scholarship assistance is needed, call the SILC to obtain a list of PCA agencies or, make arrangements with a PCA or agency then provide that information on the Scholarship Application.

Describe any Dietary Restrictions (allergies, no salt, etc): _____

Payment Information

Requests for refunds received before December 15, 2009 will be reimbursed at 50%

No refunds will be authorized after December 15, 2009

Method of payment is check, money order or
purchase orders only. No cash or credit cards.

—My personal check or money order is enclosed

—My employer _____ is paying

(Name of Employer)

(Note: registration will be held until fee is received)

_____ **I have completed the Scholarship Application**

Specific alternative formats and auxiliary aids and services will be provided based on registration information. While every effort will be made to accommodate those registering, we cannot guarantee auxiliary aids and services or alternative formats to individuals registering late.

**PLEASE RETURN the SILC Registration and Scholarship inserts to
Idaho SILC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-9601**

SILC Scholarship Application For People with Disabilities

Scholarship Applications must be received no later than December 15th, 2008

My Name Is _____

Amount Requested

Registration Fee (per person) \$150 \$ _____

Transportation

Private vehicle—Fuel \$ _____

Bus Fare (Round Trip) \$ _____

Air Fare (You must contact SILC to make flight reservations no
later than Dec. 20, 2008) \$ _____

Lodging: All scholarship applicants must contact the SILC to make room reservations. All rooms will be direct billed to the SILC. Attempts will be made to match people with a roommate in order that as many scholarships as possible can be provided with available resources. The following information will assist us in matching you with a roommate.

_____ I am a Male _____ I am a Female

_____ I require wheelchair accessible room _____ I would like my attendant to room with me

Please note all incidentals are your responsibility. You will need a credit card at check in for incidentals such as telephone calls, etc. The “We Are Family” Conference will not pay for these items.

Meals Only meals not already provided will be given scholarship funds

Tuesday Travel To Boise, Evening Reception included in the evening \$ _____

Wednesday Lunch and Dinner Buffet included \$ _____

Thursday Box Lunch Provided At the Grove \$ _____

Personal Assistance Services (please make arrangements on your own)

Tuesday _____ hours @ \$_____/hr \$ _____

Wednesday _____ hours @ \$_____/hr \$ _____

Thursday _____ hours @ \$_____/hr \$ _____

Friday _____ hours @ \$_____/hr \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED (add total amounts) \$ _____

Please tear out the Registration and Scholarship inserts and mail to:

IDAHO SILC, PO BOX 83720, BOISE, ID. 83720-9601

To obtain this form in an **alternative format**, please contact the SILC at 208/334/3800 or e-mail to:
Jim Liddell, Conference Coordinator at: jim.liddell@silc.idaho.gov

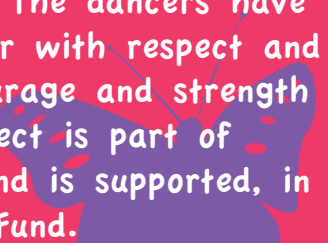
The “We Are Family” Conference

has been developed by a broad partnership of Idaho’s leading disabilities groups. The registration process is somewhat different than any of the partnering groups have used in the past. So for those that may have attended conferences of any of the participating groups previously please pay attention to the following guidelines. Included in this registration brochure are two separate forms. One is for adults with disabilities or professionals that would typically attend the State Independent Living Conference. The other is for parents that have a child with a disability between the ages of birth and age 26 and the professionals that would typically attend the Idaho Parents Unlimited or Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health conference. On the back of each of these forms are scholarships for that individual registration form. Please assess which of these two group you best fit and fill out the related forms. If you have questions you can call us for additional assistance.



Wright Foot Forward creative arts center

is excited to be bringing a group of dancers to perform at the “We are family” conference. This is an extraordinary group of approximately 15 dancers ranging from age nine to their early twenties, and integrating people with and without intellectual or physical disabilities. This dedicated group is rehearsing every Saturday from November 2008 through February 2009 in preparation for a performance at the Special Olympics World Winter Games here in Idaho! However, this dance group is about much more than preparing for an exciting final performance. Through the process of creating a dance and spending time together, the director of the project, Megan Brandel, hopes each person will be inspired to dance and act from their hearts. Megan’s goal is that everyone leaves each rehearsal feeling better than when they came. The dancers have a group cheer that reminds them to treat one another with respect and kindness and the theme of their dance focuses on courage and strength of character, the qualities of superheroes. This project is part of Wright Foot Forward’s community outreach program and is supported, in part, by a grant from the Boise City Arts & History Fund.



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